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Patent No. : 6,820,672 Confirmation No. 8364
Inventor : Antonius Adrianus Arnoldus SMITS
Issued : November 23, 2004
Title : Device And A Method For Affixing Objects To Products
Examiner : Jessica L. Rossi
Customer No. : 28289

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT
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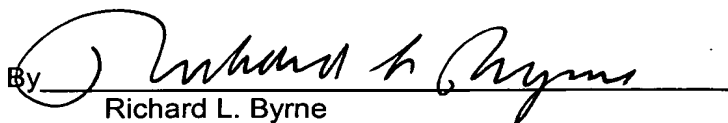
In accordance with 35 U.S.C. §254, we attach hereto Form PTO/SB/44 and a copy of proof of PTO error(s) and request that a Certificate of Correction be issued in the above-identified patent. The following errors appear in the patent as printed:

Column 6, Line 17, Claim 1, "if tangentially approaches" should read
-- it tangentially approaches --.

(See Amendment of 06/16/2004, page 2, Claim 19, line 13. Claim 19 issued as Claim 1.) Then see the Examiner's Amendment (which corrected our mistake) accompanying the Notice of Allowance dated 08/25/2004).

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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT NO. : 6,820,672
DATED : November 23, 2004
INVENTOR(S) : Smits

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 6, Line 17, Claim 1, "if tangentially approaches" should read
-- it tangentially approaches --

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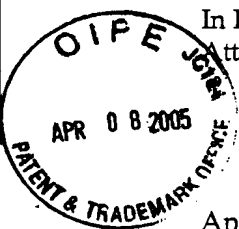
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Appl. No. 09/555,548
Amendment dated June 16, 2004
In Reply to Office Action of March 16, 2004
Attorney Docket No. 702-001034



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/555,548
Applicant : Antonius A.A. SMITS
Title : **DEVICE AND A METHOD FOR
AFFIXING OBJECTS TO PRODUCTS**
Filed : August 1, 2000
Art Unit : 1733
Examiner : Jessica Rossi
Customer Number : 28289
Confirmation Number : 8364

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on June 16, 2004.

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Signature Date

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-18 (cancelled)

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Claim ~~19~~¹ (currently amended). A device for affixing objects to products moving in a row, the device comprising a holder for a stock of the objects, ~~wherein each object may have a different thickness,~~ and affixing means further comprising at least one suction nozzle on a carrier for removing one of the objects from the holder and moving the object, wherein the affixing means is capable of rotary movement about an axis of rotation ~~and affixing the object to the moving product during the rotary movement of the affixing means,~~ wherein the affixing means is further capable of being driven intermittently between rotation and standstill, wherein during standstill of the affixing means the carrier is positioned in alignment with an object in a holder and is moveable in a radial direction with respect to the axis of rotation for attaching the at least one suction nozzle to the object and for removing the object from the holder, ~~and~~ wherein the at least one suction nozzle of the carrier directly faces the object within the holder and wherein the device further comprises means for moving said products along a path, said path extending such that ^{it} tangentially approaches the rotational path of the affixing means at a position substantially centrally between the position of two carriers during standstill, such that the affixing means is capable of affixing the object to a moving product during rotary movement of the affixing means, and means for synchronizing the movement of the affixing means and the products, such that during rotary movement of the affixing means the speed of movement of the object is substantially equal to the speed of movement of the product.

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Claim ~~20~~² (previously presented) The device according to claim ~~19~~¹, wherein the affixing means includes more than one carrier, wherein the carriers are



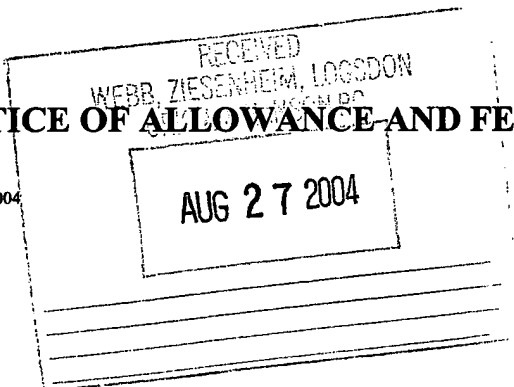
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/555,548	08/01/2000	ANTONIUS ADRIANUS ARNOLDUS SMITS	702-001034	8364

TITLE OF INVENTION: DEVICE AND A METHOD FOR AFFIXING OBJECTS TO PRODUCTS

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. **PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED.** THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

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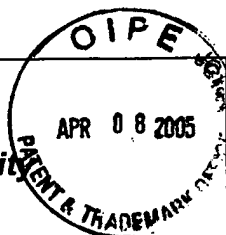
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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/555,548

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Examiner

Jessica L. Rossi

Art Unit

1733

– The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address–

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment, 6/18/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 19-21,23-29,31-33 and 37.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01 June 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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Art Unit: 1733

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Byrne on 8/20/04.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 19, line 13: "if" was deleted before "tangentially" and --it-- was inserted.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of **reasons for allowance**:

The present amendment to claim 19 has distinguished the claimed invention from the prior art of record.

Regarding Lubersky (US 2887022; of record), which was applied in the previous office action dated 3/16/04, please refer to p. 5-6 of Applicant's arguments.

Regarding Gordon (US 5256365; of record), which was applied in the previous office action dated 3/16/04, suction nozzles 66 on carriers 30/32 comprising **rotary affixing means** 22/24 remove labels (objects) from stationary holder 46 while rotation of the affixing means is stopped (column 4, lines 14-35). Then the affixing means resumes rotation to transfer the labels to **non-rotating transfer heads** 110/112 at transfer positions 42/48 (column 5, lines 37-45). Then the transfer heads 110/112 place the labels in molds 18 (products), which are rotated around a circular path past the transfer heads 110/112 (Figures 1-2; column 5, lines 60-63; column 7, lines 31-37).